

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior claim listings in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-10 (Canceled).

11. (Currently amended) A cosmetic or dermatopharmaceutical composition for use in connection with topical application comprising:

- a) an extract of leaves of a *Castanea sativa* plant; and
- b) at least one cosmetic and/or dermatopharmaceutical auxiliary and/or additive adapted for topical treatment of the human body selected from the group consisting of oily bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, biogenic active ingredients produced by living organisms or biological processes, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils and dyes.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 11, wherein, the concentration of the extract in the composition is 0.001 weight-% to 10 weight-% based on the composition.

14. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 11, wherein, the extract is obtained by a method comprising:

- a) extracting the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, an alcohol and mixtures thereof to form a solution of the extract in the solvent; and
- b) removing the solvent from the solution, to recover the extract.

15. (Currently amended) A method for cosmetic treatment of the human body which comprises applying to the surface of the human body an extract of the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant, or a cosmetic or dermatopharmaceutical composition for use in connection with topical application comprising:

- a) an extract of leaves of a *Castanea sativa* plant; and
- b) at least one cosmetic and/or dermatopharmaceutical auxiliary and/or additive adapted for topical treatment of the human body selected from the group consisting of oily bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, biogenic active ingredients produced by living organisms or biological processes, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils and dyes.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the cosmetic treatment provides an antiageing effect.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the cosmetic treatment provides for the protection of human skin cells against UV-radiation.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the cosmetic treatment provides at least one effect selected from the group consisting of anti-inflammatory effect, anti-itching effect, appeasing effect, anti-free-radical effect and anti-protease effect, with the proviso that the effect is not an anti-matrix-metalloprotease-effect, or an antilipoxygenase effect.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the cosmetic treatment provides a whitening effect or a lightening effect.

20. (Previously presented) A method of preparing a cosmetic composition which comprises mixing an extract of the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant with a cosmetic auxilliary and additive composition whereby a cosmetic composition is formed.

21. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 11, wherein, the concentration of the extract in the composition is 0.1 weight-% to 3 weight-% based on the composition.

22. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 13, wherein, the extract is obtained by the method comprising:

- a) extracting the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, an alcohol and mixtures thereof to form a solution of the extract in the solvent; and
- b) removing the solvent from the solution, to recover the extract.

23-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently amended) A method for cosmetic treatment of the human body comprising applying to the surface of the human body a cosmetic or dermatopharmaceutical composition for use in connection with topical application comprising:

- a) 0.001 to 10 weight-%, based on the composition, of an extract of leaves of a *Castanea sativa* plant; and
- b) at least one cosmetic and/or dermatopharmaceutical auxiliary and/or additive adapted for topical treatment of the human body selected from the group consisting of oily bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, biogenic active ingredients produced by living organisms or biological processes, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils and dyes.

26. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 25 wherein, said extract is obtained by a method comprising:

- a) extracting the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, an alcohol and mixtures thereof, to form a solution of the extract in the solvent; and
- b) removing said solvent from said solution, to recover said extract.

27. (Currently amended) The method of preparing a cosmetic composition according to claim 20 wherein said mixing comprises mixing an extract of the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant with a cosmetic auxiliary and additive composition comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of oily bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying

agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, ~~biogenic~~ active ingredients produced by living organisms or biological processes, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils and dyes, whereby a cosmetic composition is formed.

28. (Previously presented) The method of preparing a cosmetic composition according to claim 27 wherein said mixing comprises mixing an extract of the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant in an amount of from 0.001 weight % to 10 weight % based on the weight of the composition with a cosmetic auxiliary and additive composition whereby a cosmetic composition is formed.

29. (Previously presented) The method of preparing a cosmetic composition according to claim 28 wherein said extract is obtained by a method comprising:
a) extracting the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, an alcohol and mixtures thereof to form a solution of the extract in the solvent; and
b) removing the solvent from the solution, to recover the extract.